

Application No.: 09/990,262**Docket No.: 2038-280****REMARKS**

By Official Action mailed *December 7, 2004*, restriction to one of the following species of the claimed invention is required:

Species A: Figures 1-3;

Species B: Figures 4-7;

In response, Applicants hereby elect **Species A of FIGs. 1-3**, upon which claims 15-19, 21-22, and 24-39 are readable. Claims 15-19, 21-29, 32, and 35-39 are generic.

The election was made *with traverse* because the Examiner has failed to demonstrate why the species are considered to be distinct.

The "Amendments to the Specification" section of the September 3, 2004 Rule 114 Submission has been found noncompliant and denied entry by the Primary Examiner. The unentered changes are hereby resubmitted in manner compliant with 37 CFR 1.121. Additional changes have been made to address the informalities noted by the Primary Examiner in paragraph 5 of the Office Action.

The "Amendments to the Claims" section of the September 3, 2004 Rule 114 Submission is compliant with 37 CFR 1.121 and appears to have been entered by the Primary Examiner, despite the typographical error in claim 36. By this Amendment, claim 36 has been further amended to correct the typographical error. Claims 20 and 23 have been labeled as (withdrawn).

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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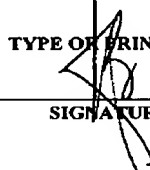
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